

Children's Department.

FROM THE EDITOR.

The little people are becoming very much interested in this page of the EVANGELIST. You will notice that we have moved your page a little farther away from "Home," that is, from the "Home Department." Sometimes we have so many contributions that there is no room on page 7. Then we move back to page 14; but you can always find your letters if you look for them. How many answers will we get to our last week's questions? Look up the record carefully and then send in your answer. This week we have no question, but we want you to take a walk through the Bible with the Editor and read the story of your life. Get your Bibles and tell papa and mamma to help you find the references and read them. We call it,

THE STORY OF MY LIFE.

I once lived in Psa. 84: 10, the latter part, and walked in Eph. 2: 2. I heard of a mansion being built for me at John 14: 2, by one who lives at Heb. 4: 14. I called at Matt. 11: 28, as my prospects at Rom. 3: 10-19 were very bad. The house I sought for I found at II Cor. 5: 1. The house has but one door, which I saw at John 10: 9, and one knocker, which I saw at Matt. 7: 7. My address for the present is Eph. 2: 6. Call any day at Prov. 8: 34, and you will meet me and many others. If you call, attend to what the servant says in Luke 14: 17. When the I Thess. 4: 17 is fulfilled, I expect my home will be in Rev. 22: 4, 5. Rev. 5: 9, is the song I shall sing in that day.

From Hudson, Iowa.

I will try to write a few lines for the children's column. I like very much to read the children's letters. I will try to answer those questions: It was Gideon who had a great many soldiers. He had 32,000, but the Lord said he had too many. He said that Gideon should go and tell the soldiers that if any are fearful or afraid they should return early from Mount Gilead. Then 22,000 returned and there were 10,000 left, but the Lord said there are yet too many. He told Gideon to try them by the water and those that lapped the water up with their hands were the ones that the Lord had chosen, and there were 300 that lapped up the water. These three hundred were the ones that God had chosen to fight the Midianites.

I would like to see more children write long and interesting letters. I will close for this time. Your friend,

GERTRUDE HESSE.

From Bighton, Ind.

I was ten years old the 18th of this month. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. Mrs. Ella Horner is my teacher. My ma takes the EVANGELIST and likes the paper very much. Brother Fox is our pastor. He treated all the little folks to one of Satan's Taffy Dishes last Sunday evening.

The man you asked about was Gideon. He had 32,000 men at first, but he sent them all home but 300. The Lord then delivered the Midianites into the hands of Gideon.

This is my first letter to the EVANGELIST, and if this letter will be printed I may write again. FLORENCE HORNER.

From Carleton, Neb.

I have not written for the EVANGELIST for some time and so I thought I would write. I go to Sunday-school, public school and King's Children. Jennie Miller teaches my Sunday-school class. My school teacher's name is Jennie Bauman. I am ten years old. I love to read the letters that the children write for the children's column of the EVANGELIST.

Q.—In what book of the Bible is the story of Joseph?

HALLY KLEPPINGER.

From Fisher's Hill, W. Va.

I will now try and answer the questions asked in the children's column of EVANGELIST No. 4.

Q.—Who was this good man? A.—This man was Gideon.

Q.—How many soldiers had he at first? A.—He had 32,000.

Q.—How many were sent home first? A.—22,000.

Q.—How many then? A.—9,700.

Q.—How many were now left? A.—There were 300 left.

Q.—What did this army do? A.—This army surrounded the Midianite camp.

Any one wishing to learn more about Gideon will please read the 7th chapter of Judges.

VERNIE M. KELLER.

From Glover's Gap, W. Va.

I will now write another letter for the children's column. I go to school every day. I went to Sunday-school every Sunday during the past summer. We have no Brethren church here, but we have Sunday-school in the school house. My ma is sick, and pa and I had to do the work until we got a girl.

I read a chapter in the Bible every day. Ma tells us Bible stories and how to be good. I want to grow up and be a good man and a fine scholar.

— SMITH.

From Akron, Ind.

It has been a long time since I have written for the children's department, and as I have not seen very many letters from others, I thought I would write and help to fill the page. I did not go to school to day on account of the rain. I was to Sunday-school last Sunday. Our lesson was about the Ministry of John the Baptist. Our lesson for next Sunday will be about the Early Ministry of Jesus. I attend Sunday-school at Highland every Sunday that I can. Our pastor's name is D. A. Hopkins. We had meeting every two weeks, but now our pastor is away holding meeting and we have not had any meeting for about two months. I will now ask a few questions: Who came to hear John preach? Where was Jesus' early home and how many years did he live.

MINNIE HOFFMAN.

From Twelve Mile, Ind.

I will now write a few lines for the EVANGELIST. I go to church and King's Children every Sunday. Brother Swihart is going to hold a protracted meeting for us some time in February.

Gideon was the good man who had 32,000 soldiers. The Lord said that Gideon had too many soldiers and sent 22,000 of them home. The Lord said there are yet too many and sent 9,700 more home, which left 300. Gideon divided the army into three companies of 100 men each and put a trumpet in the hand of each man, and said to them, as I do so shall ye do. When I blow my trumpet then blow ye and say, the sword of the Lord set the sword of the Israelites against the enemy the Midianites.

CLYDE MOSS.

A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER.

A little girl went out to play in the snow, and when she came in she said, "Mamma, I couldn't help praying when I was out at play."

"What did you pray, my dear?"

"I prayed the snow-prayer, mamma, that I learned once in Sunday-school: 'Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.'"

What a beautiful prayer! And here is the promise that goes with it: "Though thy sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." And what can wash them white, clean from every stain of sin? The Bible answers: "They have washed their robes, and made them white, in the blood of the Lamb."

—During 1894 3,315 patents related to electricity were granted in Great Britain, the United States and Germany. Of these 1,130 were British, being one-twentieth of all British patents; 1,704 were American, and 481 were German.